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Mrs. Glenda Cooper will be the first student to graduate from the LSUS Master of Liberal Arts program. She will graduate in May after studying part time for five years.

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news

Program Council officers reflect upon year's events

by BILL COOKSEY
Managing Editor

"It was really tough to get people to think in advance, but the Dizzy Gillespie concert made people do it," said Fred Kendrick, program council vice-president, during a recent interview.

Kendrick and Chris Beleau, PC president, reflected over a year of triumphs such as the Gillespie show and more recently Spring Fling, and failures - the 1984 Fall Fest.

Fall Fest was the biggest disappointment. The weather was bad and the organization was poor, Beleau said and added, everything that could go wrong did. The festivals was attempted on a month-long basis to prevent the problem of students not attending class.

New Courses

Dr. John W. Hall, Professor of Geography at LSUS, has announced three new courses to be taught in the Summer, 1985 International Studies Tour to be held in Europe and England from May 24 to July 23.

Dr. Hall will teach Geography 295, Geography of Western Europe; Anthropology 395, Introduction to Archeology; and Geography 495, Geography of Tourism.

Spring Fling, however, was one of Program's Council's bigger successes. Although the weather was poor, the programs were moved inside and worked, which proved that future indoor events could work, Kendrick said.

Part of the reason for the Spring Fling's success was "We spent more money on bands, but that was money left over from Gillespie," Kendrick said.

In the future the PC wants to "bring in more national entertainers like Dizzy Gillespie, Richard Hall and Davis," Kendrick said. The Gillespie concert was a complete success, although "We wish we had sold more tickets, but with the tickets sold we certainly weren't disappointed," he said.

"Before you had a lot of skepticism. People said you couldn't get money back, but now the trail is clear," Beleau said.

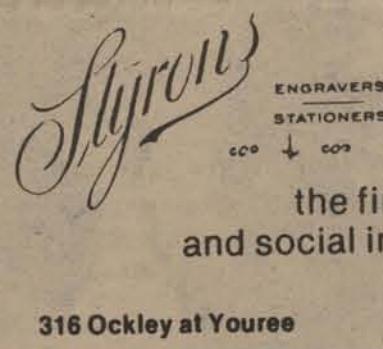
Kendrick and Beleau said they were glad the PC/SGA merger

did not occur. "In the past there were two opposing camps," who were working against each other, Beleau said. The SGA merger would call for the PC to fall under the power of the SGA senators. That would not work, Kendrick said, because "if we (PC and SGA) merged there would be too much bureaucracy."

Kendrick and Beleau said, however, that the PC and the SGA now work well together.

The Hall/Davis comedians performance this Saturday night will be the first of many big name events brought to campus, Kendrick said. With a little work LSUS could bring big-name entertainment like Tech has, he said.

The budget is one more aspect that the PC has had a lot of problems with. In the future, it would be better if other organizations were not allowed to interfere with the PC budget because this causes problems with later scheduling, Beleau said.



Cooper is first MLA graduate

by TAMMY WEAVER
Editorial Page Editor

In May, Mrs. Glenda Cooper will be the first person to receive a master's degree in the liberal arts program at LSUS.

Cooper graduated from LSU-Baton Rouge 25 years ago with a degree in secondary education. She is certified to teach math.

Before she began her graduate studies she worked for the state superintendent of education, the Exxon Corporation and was a classroom teacher.

Cooper and her husband, who is a physician, have three children. "My hobbies involve the children," she says, when asked what she does in her spare time. She says since she was fortunate enough not to have to work while she was getting her master's, school has become her main hobby.

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It took Cooper five years, including summers, to finish her graduate studies. She says that sometimes it is best to wait a while after graduating from college with an undergraduate degree before going into a master's program.

"I'd kind of like to continue going to school," she said, now that she has finished her graduate work. "It might be fun to go back and experience the other areas."

Her master's thesis was on public radio. This was brought about by her interest in communications.

"I think the MLA program is super. An added incentive. It's nice to have another degree," Cooper said.

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Society members named

Alpha Sigma Omicron, the scholastic honor society at LSUS, has announced its new members for the 1984-85 year. The primary objective of the organization is the recognition and encouragement of superior scholarship in all academic disciplines. The honor society achieves this objective by recognizing and honoring junior, senior, and graduate students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher. The following students have met these high standards and have been inducted into ASO this spring:

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Scholars debate constitution

Affirmative action, criminal defendants' rights and freedom of the press will be debated at a program Saturday (April 27) at LSUS.

The free public debates are sponsored by the LSUS Department of History and Political Science and the American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana. The program will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the UC Theater.

The debates are part of a program funded by the Louisiana Committee for the Humanities to launch a statewide celebration of the approaching bicentennial anniversary of the U.S. Constitution.

"Affirmative Action or Reverse Discrimination: Should the Law be Color Blind?" will be debated by Civil Rights worker June Phillips and attorney John Cassibry.

"The Fight Against Crime: Do Criminal Defendants Have Too Many Rights" will pit defense at-

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The Manifest is now accepting applications for positions on the 1986 staff. Mrs. Suzanne Bright, Manifest advisor said.

Fellowship

Dr. William D. Pederson, associate professor of political science, has been notified that he is to be the recipient of a summer faculty members on comparative slave systems. Pederson plans to

An opening panel on the origin and changing interpretation of the Bill of rights and its unique role in the world will feature Dr. Norman Provier and Dr. William Pederson, both of the LSUS Department of History and Political Science, and Judge Carl Stewart.

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The LSUS BSU is also sponsoring a picnic at Cypress Lake May 4. Departure time from the BSU is 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend both of these events.

Officers

The Government and Law Society has announced its officers for the 1985-86 school year: Jack Williams, president; Clay Rowe, vice president; Lee Pastell, secretary/treasurer; Ronnie Smith, social chariman.

Picnic

The ACM/FPMA Annual Picnic will be at Ford Park on Cross Lake on May 4, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Job Fair

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editorials

Student activity important for school image

The most common complaint among students and faculty regarding LSUS is the lack of participation in school activities.

Why is this a problem?

Because LSUS is a commuter school, many students come to class and go straight home. They don't know about the various activities planned because they are never here to find out about them.

Second, the average age of LSUS students is 28. Most of the students have responsibilities other than school, such as families and jobs. Unlike some of the younger students, they must support themselves.

This lack of participation is slowly creating an image of passivity for the school. Many potential students would much rather attend a school that is known for its spirit. A school where you can make friends and get to know people.

Something must be done to combat this problem and gain a better image for LSUS. A student should take pride in his school.

School organizations should work closer with the student newspaper to insure that events are made known to the public. Also, activities should be planned specifically for the benefit of older students.

Likewise, students should take a more active part in school life. This means voting in the elections so that they can be sure their interests are being fully represented.

Although it is too late to become active this year, students should remember that they are LSUS and they can make a difference next fall.



I'm sure many people on campus still remember, vividly, the controversy surrounding the use of the word monkey in one of our editorials earlier this semester. Many people were upset and for weeks the bickering continued until all the staff wanted to do was let the issue die.

It did die, surprisingly, after our final apology in our March 22 paper. But for some of us on the staff, myself especially, the real issue had never been dealt with. The real issue was that people were assuming malicious intent and reacting in incredibly mean and asinine ways.

Whether the LSUS community would like to believe it or not, the Almagest staff is made of some relatively sensitive and unbiased people. What prejudices we do have we try to leave on the coat rack by the office door. It personally hurt me that anyone would think I would refer to a black person as a monkey.

Granted, it was a grave mistake of ours to let that simile slip by without being edited out. Though no excuses are adequate, because we were lacking one specific editor-in-chief, those of us who did proof-read the copy let the last sentence go assuming

'Monkey' was a mistake not intended to offend

by SUSAN KEENER
Page One Editor

that one of the other editors would re-work it.

This was lazy and irresponsible. It was, however, just a careless mistake, not an intentional dig at the black members of our community.

The response we received for this mistake was unbelievable. Some people were so sensitized that they could not accept our first apology because we were not humble enough for their liking. Others threatened, foolishly, to work for censorship of the Almagest. Still others planned, as we heard, to rent monkey costumes and parade around the mall in front of the local media to prove their point.

It is hard for me to believe that college students could be so childish.

First of all, the original apology was just that—an apology. It was not a sly statement to excuse what had been done. We planned to run that statement before we even received the first complaint because we saw ourselves, as we read the finished copy, that we had made a grave error.

Secondly, the Almagest is a free newspaper. No media board, college administrator or group of raving students can physically

censor the paper. We do, however, try to keep our readers happy. We also try, to do the best of our ability, to practice professional ethics concerned with fair journalistic practice. We usually print all the letters we received and we never edit out nasty references to our paper. We only edit for length and grammar.

The third point is that stupid antics and scare tactics will never get one anywhere. Threatening to take an issue such as this to the outside community only makes for hard feelings all around. The more militant the group the fewer the people are willing to stick out their necks to support that group.

The lesson to be learned from all this is that we should be more careful about our editing process. The more efficient we are the less trouble we will get into.

For our readers, certain ones in particular, their lesson is maybe to try a more subtle approach next time they have a complaint. We are only students, we work on a tight schedule, and we get a lot of petty complaints from a lot of people. Be patient; we try to be. We can't help our public if we are always defending our flanks.



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by BILL COOKSEY
Managing Editor

Every so often people need to sit back and take a good look at themselves.

We aren't quite as perfect as we try to make ourselves out to be. And occasionally someone needs to take notice of our silly ways and show us and also entertain us.

John Bloom, alias Joe Bob Briggs a former satire writer for the Dallas Times Herald, did this for some time in his weekly column "Joe Bob goes to the Drive-In." In the column, he poked fun at people, including rednecks, Mexicans, women, B-movie fans, the starving Ethiopians and finally blacks.

Joe Bob column is satire, not fact

The final straw for Joe Bob was a column which appeared in last week's Herald. The column stated that stupid blacks need to go to college. It also poked fun at the song "We are the World" with Joe Bob's own "We Are the Wierd," dedicated to the B-movie actors and producers.

This comment was immediately construed as racist and protests developed. The Herald, probably because of a current newspaper war, immediately ran a front page retraction, killed the column and revealed Joe Bob's identity.

And once again everything was fine and dandy. This issue died. Except Joe Bob quit the Herald and went to another syndicate, where he will get some respect.

Perhaps the real issue has been

avoided. Why must people deliberately look for things to construe as racist? Joe Bob had no intent to be taken seriously. His column is designed as satire and should be taken as such. Would the column's content have been as harsh if it had said stupid whites need to go to college? Probably not, because the statement is true. The only way to solve ignorance is through education no matter which race it applies to.

Joe Bob's column should be back in the very near future. Don't read his comments if you don't want to. If you do want to read his column, please go ahead and do so; maybe you will find something ironic and true.

But remember the column is only designed as satire.

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Gray is selected Greek Man of Year

by TAMMY WEAVER
Editorial Page Editor

The Inter Fraternity Council elected its first Greek Man of the Year for 1984-85. Brent A. Gray, a member of the Phi Delt fraternity since his freshman year at LSUS, received the honor.

Gray said the process leading to the election is as follows: each fraternity selects one member to represent their fraternity. Then the IFC delegates vote on the nominees.

The 20-year-old public relations major is presently vice-president for his chapter. He has also been a delegate to the IFC, alumni secretary, chapter historian and chapter secretary.

Aside from going to school four hours a day, Gray is also a member of the Miss LSUS Board

of Directors. In addition, he is also a salesman at Selbers.

In his spare time he enjoys photography and going out with friends.

He hopes to graduate in May of 1986 and become a lobbyist at the national or state level.

This summer he will participate in the Washington Semester and as an intern for Buddy Roemer. "This will help me decide if I want to be a lobbyist or anything political," he said.

As a strong supporter of the Greek system, Gray says, "I think people that aren't in the system are missing a big part of college. And since LSUS is a commuter campus I think it's even more important."

Choir presents concert

The LSUS University Chorus, under the direction of Norma Jeane Locke, presented their Spring Concert in the UC lobby on Wednesday, April 24.

This was a repeat performance of their formal concert the night before, and was attended by nearly 100 students and faculty. A large number of the audience were people who missed the LSUS and Department of Communications Tuesday night performance due

to the weather.

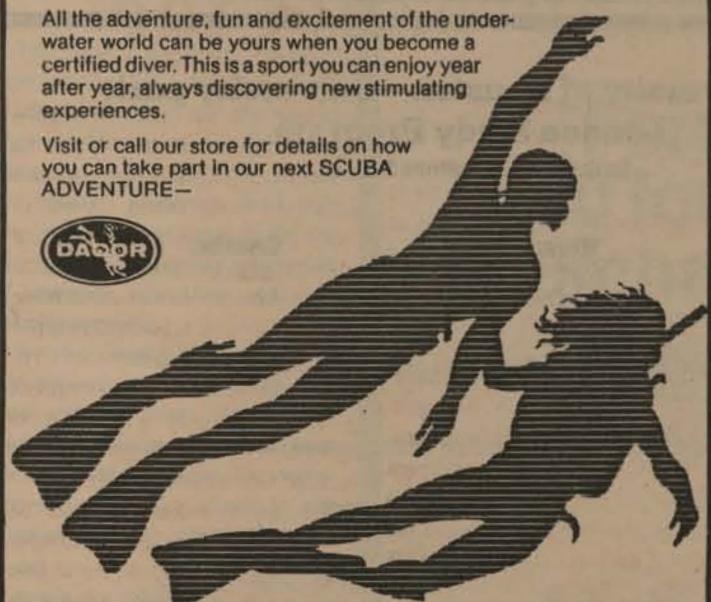
Locke was spirited in her direction of the choir; and was enjoyable to watch as the choir and her accompanist sister were to listen to. The choir presented a selection of spirituals and ballads with a voice of 30 members strong.

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Turner becomes new PC president

by DONNA WHITTON
News Editor

A sophomore majoring in computer science won 68 percent of the votes in the spring election to become the new Program Council president.

"I was very excited," Beth Turner, the new president, said.

Turner is the treasurer and music chairman of Zeta Tau Alpha, a member of the Data Processing Management Association, an SGA senator and was named outstanding sophomore.

Although Turner is not a member of the Program Council, she says she doesn't see this as a problem. "I'd like to work with the old members of the Program Council," she said.

Turner says she feels like she has a good backing.

"I'd like to see Program Council activities publicized more," Turner said. She added that she would like to see the organization "cater more to student interests

as a whole."

Turner said that since many students don't like some of the bands that play at Program Council dances, she would like to try a disc jockey at one of them.

Turner said that generally, she just wants to do more to get students involved. "I enjoy planning things and carrying them out," she said.

Turner says she encourages student involvement and welcomes any suggestions anyone may have.

She said that since LSUS is a commuter school, most students don't become involved in school



Beth Turner

activities. "It's everything you make it," she said. "It's fun if you want it to be fun."

Program Council is responsible for Fall Fest and Spring Fling. It schedules the bands that play on campus and the movies that are shown in the University Center, as well as the dances that are held throughout the year.

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Funny Guys



Rich Hall

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Hall, who has been called one of the brightest young comedians of

Admission for students and



Michael Davis

faculty is \$1 with an LSUS ID and a limited number of tickets is available to the general public for \$5. Tickets are on sale in the bookstore.

Parable of the final exam

1. And it came to pass that early in the morning of the finals there arose a multitude smiting their books and wailing. And there was much weeping and gnashing of teeth, for the day of judgement was at hand and they were sore afraid, for they had left undone those things which they ought to have done, and had done things which they ought not have done. And there was no help for them.

2. And there were many abiding in the dorms who had kept watch over their books all night, but it did avail them not. And there were those who arose smiling, for they had prepared for themselves the way and had made straight the path of knowledge. And these wise ones were known to some as burners of the midnight oil, but by others they were called "the curve spoilers."

3. And the multitude did arise and eat a hearty breakfast. And they came unto their appointed places, and their hearts were within them heavy; and they came to pass, and some passed not, but only passed out. And some of them repented of their sins and their riotous living, and bemoaned their fate, but behold they had not a prayer.

4. And at the last hour, there was among them one known as the instructor—he of the diabolical smile, and he passed papers among them, and went his way. Many and varied were the questions asked by the instructor, but even more varied were the answers which were given. For some of his teachings had fallen upon fertile minds, others had fallen among fallow fellows, while still others had fallen flat. And some there were who wrote for an hour, others two, and some turned away sorrowful.

5. And when they had finished, they gathered up their belongings and went quietly away—each in his own direction, and each one vowing to himself "I shall not pass this way again!"

Studies presented at symposium

Some 20 studies relating to people, places and events connected with the Red River region from Amarillo, Texas, on the west to Simmesport, La., on the east were presented Friday (April 19) at LSUS.

They were a part of the university's first Red River symposium, which is designed to be an annual event dealing with the history and culture of the Red River region which includes the cities and towns of Vernon, Wichita Falls and Denison, Texas; Snyder, Okla.; Texarkana, Ark.; Shreveport and Alexandria.

The seminar included a presentation on "The Humanistic Culture of the South" by Dr. Harold Kaufman, emeritus professor of sociology at Mississippi State.

Presentations on writing and broadcasting were made by Lillian V. Hall of LSUS, Philip A. Tapley of Louisiana College, Karen Cole of Centenary College, Tom Greer of Ouachita Baptist and Jeff Hendricks of Centenary.

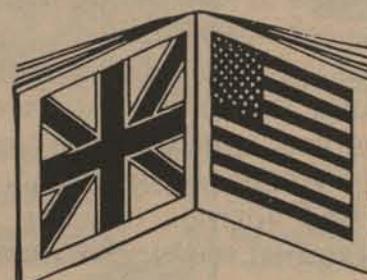
Folklore was covered by F. Frederick Hawley of LSUS and

James Conrad of East Texas State University.

Studies on music of the region were presented by Paul G. Hammond and George R. Keck, both of Ouachita Baptist, and papers on history and geography were presented by Monte Lewis of Cisco Junior College, Sue Eakin of LSU-A, Hubert Humphreys of LSUS, William M. Holmes of North Texas State and Fred Tapley of East Texas State.

Speaking on planning and forecasting were R. N. Singh of East Texas State; Kenneth E. Hinze and Clarence Adams, both of LSUS; and John Bean of North Texas.

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Student to intern in Washington

by SCOTT STRONG
Reporter

One of the first students majoring in the new LSUS program in public administration has been selected to serve as an intern for the U.S. House of Representatives Republican Party Policy Committee.

Senior Richard A. Watts will intern this summer with the committee, which advises Republican party members and leaders on policy positions which the party should adopt.

Watts will be working under Representative Richard A. Cheney, (R-Wyoming) who serves as chairman of the committee and holds one of the top three leadership positions in the Republican Party in the House of Representatives.

Watts will serve his internship this summer on Capitol Hill. Instead of the usual internship period of six weeks, Watts will be interning for three months. "It will be an advantage that I will be interning long enough so that I will be trusted with more complicated tasks than the intern of six weeks," Watts said.

Dr. William D. Pederson, director of the LSUS American Studies program said, "We feel very fortunate that Richard has been selected for this position."

Association gives thanks

Dear Editor:

The American Heart Association would like to thank the students of LSUS for the use of their gymnasium facilities on Saturday, April 20. The "Dance for Heart" activities held that day raised more than \$7,200 for the Heart Association's program of research, education and community service.

We are deeply appreciative of the attitude of cooperation that was evident from the student body in allowing the use of your facilities for this event. We regret any inconvenience caused to any student during the four-hour event.

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Sports Editor

Looking back at the year in intramural sports at LSUS, there were many great teams and players who participated in the many events offered. After a great year, it is time to decide who the most valuable player is in terms of sportsmanship, participation, and athletic ability. Who was most valuable to his/her team—the sportsman, the leader, the play-maker?

This was a tough decision. There were a lot of good choices, and all of them deserve credit for their contributions to both their teams and the intramural system. So, here's the results:

MEN'S DIVISION

THIRD RUNNER-UP. Dale Kaiser—KA, BSU, ROTC, etc. Kaiser led the pack easily in participation—20 events this year. One of them is darts, which he is the LSUS champion in and finished third in a regional tournament in Denton, Texas. But he does this for several teams, and one wonders who he might be representing next. He might do better to stick with one. He's kind of like the "free agent" of LSUS intramurals.

SECOND RUNNER-UP. Jon Murray, Phi Van Halen. Murray is a naturally good athlete; he is especially gifted with great agility and quickness. From an outside point of view, he appears to be the leader of what has become one of the most sought after teams at this school. He's there, and always seems to turn in a good performance when PVH shows up to play any event. But at times he gets a little hot-headed and emotional, and is not always the most pleasant spirit around.

FIRST RUNNER-UP. Gary Hargis, ROTC. ROTC gave a new meaning to winning the overall point totals in intramurals this year. They ran away with it. No one else was close. Hargis also participated in several events, and gave all of them his best shot. He is obviously respected by his teammates, since they nominated him from what is truly a list of good players. ROTC has such balanced teams, however,

that every victory is a "team effort" to the extent that different players shine each contest. "Leader of the best team in intramurals" would be a more appropriate title for Hargis rather than "MVP."

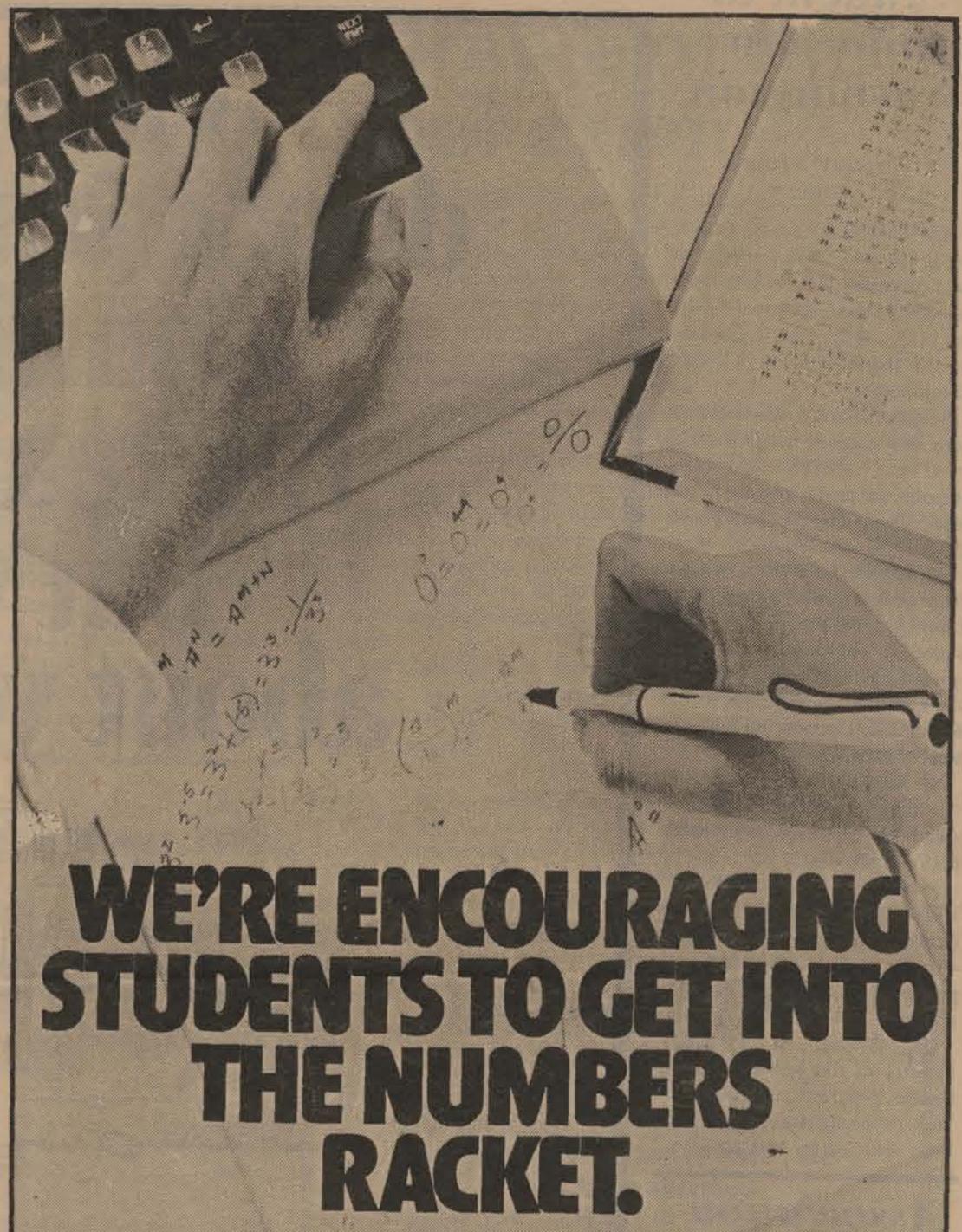
THE MVP. Terry Speir, Kappa Sigma. A fraternity guy, right? Well, the Sigs are en route to winning their first ever intramural championship among fraternities largely due to this one man. Speir, too, had a respectable list of events in which he participated. But he's the team leader, their best competitor and most of all, the best sport. What does it take to upset this person? He is among the finest sportsmen I have ever seen, and his attitude is an example of what good competition in these intramurals is all about. He was the most valuable person to his team, no doubt.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

SECOND RUNNER-UP. Ginger Nutall, Zeta Tau Alpha. ZTA is going to win the sorority division in intramurals this year, but unlike most Greek teams, the participation from the members was generally spread out. Miss Nutall participated in most of the events that ZTA entered, however, she sets a great example through her die-hard spirit and determination. She also shows many leadership qualities, and good sportsmanship.

FIRST RUNNER-UP. Sue Gauthier, Physical Recs. Miss Gauthier, like Miss Nutall, is a motivator and leader. One of her great assets is her extensive knowledge of the games. She is well liked, yet highly respected by not only her teammates, but opponents. Her conduct is also very sportsmanlike.

THE MVP. Jacqueline Myles, ROTC. Miss Myles stood alone in participation among women—12 events. She is also one of the team's stand-out players, and there are many. The ROTC women's team, like the males, won its division by a huge margin. Participation like that of Miss Myles, deserves a standing ovation.



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